

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Karl Smirra  
Serial No.: 10/685,852  
Filing Date: October 15, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 3673  
Examiner: Alison K. Pickard  
Title: **SEALING DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
ASSEMBLING THE SEALING DEVICE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 30, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.